

NEWS OF INTEREST FROM IOWA.

COUNCIL BLUFFS.

BOARD SETTLES WITH ARND

Retiring County Treasurer Checked Up for His Final Accounting.

URNS CASH OVER TO HIS SUCCESSOR

Over Sixty Thousand Dollars in His Hands Belonging to the County with Practically Nothing to City.

The Board of Supervisors spent the greater part of yesterday's session in making the semi-annual settlement with former County Treasurer Arnd. The balance of funds in the county treasury was \$61,386.44, and this was the amount which Mr. Arnd turned over to L. G. Consigney, the new treasurer.

The salaries of the town and township assessors for 1904 are as follows: Towns—Avooca, \$30; Carson, \$50; Council Bluffs, \$100; Hancock, \$35; Macedonia, \$35; Minden, \$40; Neola, \$50; Oakland, \$65; Underwood, \$35; Walnut, \$35.

D. W. Selby, deputy in the county treasurer's office, filed his bond in the sum of \$5,000, with W. J. Davenport and P. Gundoune as sureties.

Matters in District Court.

Beyond impaneling the grand jury and making a first assignment of equity cases Judge Thornell did little yesterday on convening the January term of district court.

Of the twelve grand jurors the following seven were selected to serve this term: J. B. Malack, Crescent, foreman; Robert Rals, Council Bluffs; George Quirk, C. J. Stillwell, Lewis, August Oldaker, Treynor; Adolph Wunder, Minden; Thomas Whitcomb, Neola; they will enter on their deliberations this morning.

The following assignment of equity cases was made: Thursday, January 7—Pearce against Witt et al; Dunn against Veen et al; Fowler against Boyer et al; Fowler against Pinnell et al; Benjamin against Rapp et al; Benjamin against O'Connor; Benjamin against Hansen et al; Benjamin against Brennan et al.

Friday, January 8—Brownlee against Brownlee; Michaelson against Michaelson; O'Connell against Chicago; Rock Island & Pacific Railway against Chicago.

Saturday, January 9—Jungferman against Jungferman; Ingersoll against First National bank.

Monday, January 11—Rieche against Day et al; Spout, trustee, against Dunn et al; McCormick Harvey et al against McCormick Harvey et al; Alexander et al.

Tuesday, January 12—McKesson against Hixley et al; Miller against Miller; McCracken Saving Bank, McCormick Harvey Manufacturing Company, against Clausen et al; Lemars Building and Loan Association against Burgess.

Wednesday, January 13—Wadsworth against Burright, in the matter of the estate of Huron L. Henry, deceased; Cummings against Cummings.

Thursday, January 14—Greenfields against Howell; Pinhero against Pinhero.

Ogden Hotel—Rooms with or without board; steam heat; free bath; public parlors.

Real Estate Transfers.

These transfers were filed yesterday in the abstract, title and loan office of Squire & Annie, 101 Pearl street:

Talbot A. Turnbull and husband, to William Nelson, lot 1, block 24, \$200.00.

Johnson's add, w. d., \$200.00.

William Nelson and wife to Louis Lehmann, add, w. d., \$200.00.

David Hillerbrand and wife to McCracken, 12 1/2 acres of road of 3 1/2 sq. mi., 19-7-1, w. d., \$75.00.

Harney McCracken and wife to McCracken, same, w. d., \$50.00.

Thomas D. Metcalf and wife to O. J. McManus, 2 1/2 acres of road, 15-11-1, w. d., \$100.00.

D. E. H. Grimmerman and wife to Julius and Ida May Fanglewatt, lot 6, blk 25, Muller's sub, w. d., \$23.00.

Julius Fanglewatt and wife to F. Grimmerman, same, c. d., \$1.00.

C. F. Grimmerman and wife to same, w. d., \$25.00.

Ellisabeth J. Bradley et al to Julius C. Bradley, add, w. d., \$12.00.

14, blk 10, Carson, w. d., \$25.00.

Ella Nelson to Assmus Amussen, lot 7, blk 25, Muller's sub, c. d., \$1.00.

Assmus Amussen and wife to Duffin J. H. Knoll, lot 7, blk 25, Muller's sub, w. d., \$600.00.

Charles K. Sorenson and wife to John Sick, 1/2 acre of road, 15-11-1, w. d., \$175.00.

Land & Loan Co.'s sub, Avooca, d., \$1,575.00.

Twelve transfers, total, \$4,688.50.

N. Y. Plumbing Co. Tel. 250; night, P 267.

Arrested on Old Charge.

John McIntyre, after an absence of nearly two years from the city, returned yesterday morning, only to be arrested on an old charge of larceny. It happened that one of the first persons McIntyre met on arriving home yesterday was Constable Albert, who at once recognized him and remembered that he had a warrant for his arrest. At first McIntyre denied his identity to the officer, but finally admitted he was the man wanted. McIntyre is charged with stealing a wagon from Thomas Deewester and selling it to a junk dealer. The alleged theft was committed two years ago. When taken to the city jail McIntyre told the officers that he took the wagon because Deewester had bested him in a horse deal.

Hater sells lumber. Catch the idea?

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Switchman Has Foot Crushed.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—Bernard Loy, a switchman in the Northwestern yards here, met with a severe accident at 12 o'clock last night. He was riding with his feet on the brakebeam of a freight car, and holding on above, when his feet slipped and his left foot got under the outer edge of the car wheel, crushing it severely about the instep. He was taken to the hospital and his injured foot dressed. The foot may have to be amputated.

Drives All Before It.

Aches and pains fly before Bucklen's Arnica Balm. No do sore, pimples, boils, corns and piles, or no pay. 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

LEWIS CUTLER

MORTICIAN. 111 South 11th St., Phone 25. Thos. R. Lewis.

INVESTIGATE FIRE DAMAGE

Inspection Shows Injury to Steel Work Greater Than Had Been Supposed.

WALLS ALSO ARE TO PASS EXAMINATION

State Officials and Members of Legislature Insist on Postponement of the Session on Account of Fire in St. Mad.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The state executive council held a session all forenoon and decided upon a course to pursue in regard to the fire in the state capitol building. The members of the council, which consists of the governor, treasurer, auditor and secretary of state, consulted freely with the large number of members of the legislature who are already here for the purpose of attending the session, and with the members of the capitol commission. The council finally directed the capitol commission to make a preliminary investigation as to the actual condition of the north wing of the capitol, to determine if the walls have been injured and as to the safety of the roof of the house chamber. The commission, consisting of Messrs. Funk, Shoentgen and Cumming, proceeded at once to organize for this work and also for clearing out the debris, while the council proceeded to investigate the cause of the fire by calling in workmen as witnesses. In the meantime the entire north half of the building was shut off from the officials and employees.

Condition of Building.

The capitol commission called in local architects and engineers and organized for investigation of the building. It is found today that the beams which supported the attic floor above the house chamber are badly warped and practically all the attic floor, which is of fire brick, will have to come down. The gables are more completely ruined than was supposed last evening. Nearly all the steel work in the northeast corner of the building will have to be taken out. The desks of the house members were not all in the house chamber at the time and the loss in this direction is not so great. Investigation shows that the ceiling of the supreme court rooms is not badly harmed and the valuable fresco work there is not injured. But generally the smoke penetrated every corner of the building and has done an immense amount of damage. Not until the commission reports will it be known whether the walls are all safe nor as to the condition of the roof.

Looking into the Cause.

Governor Cummins and others made a tour of the building to determine the cause of the fire, if possible. The fire started in a small room which adjoins the speaker's room at the north end. Here a workman had been engaged in putting a box for the electric switchboard into an opening in the wall connection with a flue containing wires. It was evident the fire started in this opening, where the men had been using a candle. The fire did not start from an electric wire. The draft drew the fire up into the walls above and under the floors, where it was impossible to get at it.

Legislative Plans.

A large number of the legislators are here ready for the session next week. The general expression on the part of these men is that there must be no adjournment of the legislature. The belief prevails that the house chamber can be fitted up so that it would be usable in the course of two or three weeks by placing canvas over the ceiling and sides. The state library might be moved to the capitol building temporarily. It is possible, also, that the senate could use the courtroom and the supreme court could hold elsewhere. But whatever happens there will be a delay of only a short time in the legislative session.

Immediate Repair.

Governor Cummins and the members of the legislature expressed themselves today as for immediate repair of the building and the placing of it in as good condition as before. Many of the members declare that the woodwork should all come out and the construction be modern. Not many of them were aware of the existence of so much woodwork in the capitol building and supposed it was already fireproof. Estimates of the cost of rebuilding run from \$200,000 to \$400,000. Not much of the new work put in by the present capitol commission was injured, but some of the dynamo were lost.

Alligned Cruelty to Insane.

The Board of Supervisors and the State Board of Control are engaged in making an investigation of affairs at the county insane asylum, located on the county farm near Des Moines. The investigation thus far indicates there has been gross cruelty practiced toward insane persons there and that the management has been very bad. The witnesses have all been sane persons who are now or have recently been employed there and their tales of cruelty are sensational in the extreme. It is understood the report of the state inspector of county hospitals has reported in favor of the removal of some of the persons who are responsible. Unless there is better management of the place the state board will refuse to permit any other of the insane to be sent to the county hospital.

Count of State Cash.

When the fire was discovered in the state house on Monday the state treasurer was expecting a visit from the auditing committee from the governor's office. Charles E. Collins, Council Bluffs, and Orville M. Carle, Council Bluffs, were with him.

Prisoners Are Sentenced.

SHERIDAN, Wyo., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—In the district court, now in session in this city, Judge James L. State pronounced sentences upon the following persons: Earl Farrow, for arson, sentenced to a term of imprisonment of fifteen years; C. W. Heake, grand larceny, five years in the penitentiary; Levi Milton, dynamiting fish, fined \$200 and costs. A new trial has been granted to James Hanley, who was convicted of murder in the first degree, same to take place about the middle of January.

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UNION PACIFIC TO BUY ALTON

Chicago Hears Story of Great Importance in Railroad Circles.

LINE FROM LAKES TO PACIFIC COAST

Such is said to be Object of Deal and Headquarters to Be Located in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—The Post says that according to reliable authority the Alton will be sold to the Union Pacific. This was the object of the Kuhn-Loeb circular asking for the deposit of stock to facilitate in the sale of the road. The response to the request for the deposit of stock has been so general as to insure the success of the deal.

The Alton will be used to afford the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific a direct Chicago outlet and the headquarters of the entire system may be moved to this city. It is intimated that the purchase of the Alton by the Union Pacific may not in any way interfere with the plans suggested for the closer affiliation of the former with the Kansas City Southern.

No Venom in 'Em.

No poisonous purgatives enter into Dr. King's New Life Pills. Easy, but prompt, they cure or no pay. Only 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

Released on Bond.

Rev. J. A. Wheeler, who has been in jail some time in Marshall, was released from jail yesterday. He was in jail accused of obtaining money by false pretenses in having secured from Mrs. Caroline Strain of LeGrand, the sum of \$1,000, which he claimed was to be used in the purchase of stock in the Ovona company, an Omaha cancer cure. Mr. Wheeler's bond for \$2,000 was signed in the jail office by Warren Howard, chairman of the county prohibition committee. Bonds were secured through friends in New York.

Convention of Grocers.

The convention of the Iowa Retail Grocers' association, which is to be held in Des Moines February 9 to 11, is the first of the association here. The pure food exhibit which is usually a part of the convention is dropped this year because Des Moines has no suitable place for it and in order that the association may devote its attention to the bills which it is desired the legislature pass.

LOSES LIFE IN CAPITOL RUIN

Supervising Engineer C. L. Linley Falls Sixty Feet While Making Inspection.

DES MOINES, Jan. 5.—Supervising Engineer C. L. Linley fell sixty feet to his death today while making an inspection of the state capitol building ruins by fire yesterday. Linley was making an inspection of the locality where the flames originated when the burned floor gave way with him, precipitating him to the floor of the chamber of representatives. His skull was crushed and he died almost instantly. Linley is a single man, probably 25 years of age. He had been employed by the company employed by the capitol commission during the work of improvement.

Terribly Frozen While Demolished

HARLAN, Ia., Jan. 5.—(Special Telegram.)—James Rasmussen, the 19-year-old boy who wandered from his home in Jackson township, Shelby county, about a week ago in a severe blizzard and was found in Walnut last Saturday. He had gone east from Jacksonville, in the east part of Shelby county, had been in Audubon, and from that place had gone south, striking Atlantic and then coming west to Walnut, where he was recognized by a Walnut banker, who had read of his disappearance in the papers. The man gave the poor fellow a supper, paid for a bed for him and telephoned his friends at Harlan. Two of his friends immediately set out for Walnut and found Rasmussen about two miles north of there, headed for his home. The young man had been but thinly clad, had slept out several nights and had escaped from being frozen to death in little short of miraculous. As it is his extremities are badly frozen. He will be sent to the asylum as soon as he is able to be moved.

Sale Day for Farmers.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., Jan. 5.—(Special.)—The Missouri Valley Commercial club held a meeting last night and decided to establish a monthly sale day here. The object is to make it possible for farmers to dispose of surplus stock, farm machinery, etc., without cost to them. It is intended to get from \$3,000 to \$5,000 worth of stock listed for the initial sale day. The following named business men were appointed as a committee on arrangements: E. T. James, W. C. Fensler, W. M. Carlisle, C. C. Williams, F. W. Myers. The first sale day will be within two or three weeks, just as soon as arrangements can be completed and the sale advertised. It is intended to make it a permanent feature and have the sales at least once a month. The farmers seem well pleased with the proposition.

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